UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In	re:			

PURDUE PHARMA L.P., et al.,

Debtors.1

Chapter 11

Case No. 19-23649

(Jointly Administered)

TWENTY-SECOND MONTHLY FEE STATEMENT OF GRANT THORNTON LLP FOR: (I) ALLOWANCE OF COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES INCURRED FOR RETENTION AS CONSULTANTS TO DEBTORS FOR THE PERIOD JUNE 1, 2023 TO JUNE 30, 2023; AND (II) PAYMENT OF ACCRUED BUT UNPAID INVOICES FOR SERVICES PERFORMED IN THE ORDINARY **COURSE OF DEBTORS' BUSINESS THROUGH JUNE 30, 2023**

Name of Applicant: Grant Thornton LLP ("Grant Thornton")

Authorized to Provide Professional

Services to:

Date of Retention:

Debtors

April 28, 2021 (*nunc pro tunc* to January 20, 2021) for Tax Consulting Services [Docket No. 2760]; September 28, 2021 for Employee Tax Analysis and Valuation Services (effective September 1, 2021) [Docket No. 3831]; and **October 20, 2022** for Business Advisory Services (effective September 27, 2022) [Docket No. 5188]. The foregoing retentions are for services provided to Debtors by Grant Thornton in connection with the Plan and in furtherance of the administration of Debtors' bankruptcy cases (as further identified and defined below, the "Plan Services")

¹ The Debtors in these cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's registration number in the applicable jurisdiction, are as follows: Purdue Pharma L.P. (7484), Purdue Pharma Inc. (7486), Purdue Transdermal Technologies L.P. (1868), Purdue Pharma Manufacturing L.P. (3821), Purdue Pharmaceuticals L.P. (0034), Imbrium Therapeutics L.P. (8810), Adlon Therapeutics L.P. (6745), Greenfield BioVentures L.P. (6150), Seven Seas Hill Corp. (4591), Ophir Green Corp. (4594), Purdue Pharma of Puerto Rico (3925), Purdue Products L.P. (4140), Purdue Pharmaceutical Products L.P. (3902), Purdue Neuroscience Company (4712), Nayatt Cove Lifescience Inc. (7805), Button Land L.P. (7502), Rhodes Associates L.P., Paul Land Inc. (7425), Quidnick Land L.P. (7584), Rhodes Pharmaceuticals L.P. (6166), Rhodes Technologies (7143), UDF L.P. (0495), SVC Pharma L.P. (5717) and SVC Pharma Inc. (4014). The Debtors' corporate headquarters is located at One Stamford Forum, 201 Tresser Boulevard, Stamford, CT 06901.

Period for Which Compensation and Reimbursement is Sought ("Fee Period"):

For Plan Services: June 1, 2023 through June 30,

2023

For OCB Tax Services (as defined below): Accrued but unpaid invoices for services performed in the ordinary course of Debtors'

business through June 30, 2023

Amount of Compensation Sought as Actual, Reasonable and Necessary for Plan Services:

\$0

Amount of Expense Reimbursement Sought as Actual, Reasonable and Necessary for Plan

Services:

\$5,825.50

Amount of Compensation Sought as Actual, Reasonable and Necessary for Tax Services Provided to the Debtors in the Ordinary Course of Business (as further identified and defined below, the "OCB Tax Services"):

\$5,310.00

Total Compensation (80%) and Expenses (100%) for Plan Services, Plus Total Compensation (100%) for OCB Tax Services

Requested in this Twenty-SecondMFS:

\$11,135.50

INTRODUCTION

Pursuant to sections 327, 330 and 331 of chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code, Rule 2016 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, Rule 2016-1 of the Local Bankruptcy Rules for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York, the *Order Authorizing the Retention and Employment of Grant Thornton LLP as Tax Restructuring Consultants for the Debtors Nunc Pro Tunc to January 20, 2021* [Docket No. 2760] (the "Retention Order"), the *Order Authorizing the Supplemental Retention and Employment of Grant Thornton LLP by the Debtors for Tax Analysis and Valuation Services Effective September 1, 2021* [Docket No. 3831] (the "Supplemental Retention Order"), the *Order Authorizing the Second Supplemental Retention and Employment of Grant Thornton LLP by the Debtors for Business*

Advisory Services Effective September 27, 2022 [Docket No. 5188] (the "Second Supplemental Retention Order"), and the Order Establishing Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses for Retained Professionals, dated November 21, 2019 [Docket No. 529] (the "Interim Compensation Order"), Grant Thornton submits this Twenty-Second Monthly Fee Statement of Grant Thornton LLP for: (I) Allowance of Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses Incurred for Retention as Consultants to Debtors for the Period June 1, 2023 to June 30, 2023; and (II) Payment of Accrued But Unpaid Invoices for Services Performed in the Ordinary Course of Debtors' Business Through June 30, 2023 (this "Twenty-Second MFS").

SUMMARY OF SERVICES PROVIDED AND GRANT THORNTON'S RETENTION

- A. Services Provided by Grant Thornton in the Ordinary Course of the Debtors' Business Unrelated to the Bankruptcy Case
- 1. Prior to September 15, 2019 (the "**Petition Date**"), the Debtors engaged Grant Thornton to provide tax-related services pursuant to the terms and conditions of that certain master agreement, dated June 1, 2018 (the "**MSA**"), and other related statements of work executed in connection therewith.
- 2. As previously disclosed in the Retention Order, the Debtors retained Grant Thornton after the Petition Date to continue to provide certain tax-related services to assist the Debtors in the ordinary course of their business operations (the "OCB Tax Services"), which work consisted of, among other things, sales and use tax compliance services.²
- 3. Because the OCB Tax Services were being provided in the ordinary course of the Debtors' business and were unrelated to the administration of the bankruptcy cases, Grant

² On August 11, 2020, the Debtors and Grant Thornton entered into that certain *Statement of Work for Sales and Use Tax Return Preparation Services*, pursuant to which Grant Thornton was retained to assist the Debtors with the generation of sales, use and other transactional tax returns by providing tax return compliance services. That August 11, 2020 statement of work was subsequently replaced and superseded by that certain *Statement of Work for Sales and Use Tax Return Preparation Services*, dated March 2, 2021.

Thornton understood that it was not necessary for it to be retained in these bankruptcy cases and that payment on account of such OCB Tax Services would be paid consistent with past practices and in the ordinary course of the Debtors' ongoing business operations. Thus, prior to approval of Grant Thornton's retention with respect to the Plan Services (as further described below), the OCB Tax Services, including the billing and payment process, were not subject to the Interim Compensation Order or other fee procedures applicable to professionals retained in these bankruptcy cases.

B. Services for Which Grant Thornton was Subsequently Retained Relating to the Debtors' Plan Confirmation Efforts and Bankruptcy Administration

- 4. In January 2021, the Debtors requested that Grant Thornton provide additional tax structuring services that directly related to the development of the Debtors' chapter 11 plan of reorganization in these bankruptcy cases (the "Plan"), including certain complicated tax related implications of the new entity ("Newco") anticipated to be created in the bankruptcy reorganization. As a result of this requested expansion in the scope of work being provided, on or about January 20, 2021, Grant Thornton and the Debtors entered into that certain *Statement of Work for Tax Structuring Services* (the "Tax Structuring Plan-Related SOW").
- 5. On April 13, 2021, the Debtors filed the *Application of Debtors for Authority to Retain and Employ Grant Thornton LLP as Tax Structuring Consultants to the Debtors Nunc Pro Tunc to January 20, 2021* [Docket No. 2636], and the Court entered the Retention Order on April 28, 2021.
- 6. In August 2021, the Debtors requested that Grant Thornton further expand the scope of its retention and provide additional services related to their Plan confirmation efforts. Specifically, the Debtors and Grant Thornton entered into the *Statement of Work for Advisory Services*, dated August 25, 2021 (the "Valuation Services Plan-Related SOW"), pursuant to

which Grant Thornton was retained, subject to Court approval, to provide valuation advisory services to the Debtors relating to the Plan and the formation of the Newco as provided therein. The Debtors and Grant Thornton also entered into the *Statement of Work for Employment Tax Services & State Corporate Income/Franchise Tax Nexus Analysis Services*, dated August 26, 2021 (the "Tax Analysis Plan-Related SOW"), pursuant to which Grant Thornton was retained, subject to Court approval, to provide tax analysis for certain employment and other tax issues relating to the Plan and formation of the Newco as provided therein.

- 7. On September 10, 2021, the Debtors filed the *Application of Debtors for Authority* to Supplement Retention and Employment of Grant Thornton LLP for Tax Analysis and Valuation Services Effective September 1, 2021 [Docket No. 3761], and the Court entered the Supplemental Retention Order on September 28, 2021.
- 8. In or around September 2022, the Debtors requested that Grant Thornton further expand the scope of its retention by providing certain business advisory services to the Debtors. On September 27, 2022, the Debtors and Grant Thornton entered into the following agreements (collectively, the "BAS Agreements"): (i) the engagement letter, including *Attachment A STANDARD GRANT THORNTON LLP ENGAGEMENT TERMS* attached thereto; and (ii) the *Statement of Work (SOW) for Advisory Services*. On October 4, 2022, the Debtors filed the *Application of Debtors for Authority to Supplement Retention and Employment of Grant Thornton LLP for Business Advisory Services Effective September 27, 2022* [Docket No. 5113], and the Court entered the Second Supplemental Retention Order on October 20, 2022 [Docket No. 5188].
- 9. Pursuant to the Retention Order, the Supplemental Retention Order and the Second Supplemental Retention Order, compensation and reimbursement for the services provided under the Tax Structuring Plan-Related SOW, the Valuation Services Plan-Related SOW, the Tax

Analysis Plan-Related SOW and the BAS Agreements (collectively, the "Plan Services") are subject to, and must be in compliance with, the applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, the Local Rules, and any other applicable procedures and orders of the Court for allowance of monthly, interim and final fee applications.

SUMMARY OF REQUESTED COMPENSATION FOR THE FEE PERIOD

- 10. Grant Thornton did not incur any fees on account of Plan Services during the Fee Period. Rather, by this Twenty-Second MFS, Grant Thornton only seeks reimbursement of expenses incurred and compensation for OCB Tax Services rendered during the Fee Period in the total amount of \$11,135.50, as follows:
 - a. <u>Reimbursement of Expenses</u>: Reimbursement of expenses in the total amount of \$5,825.50 representing 100% of the total amount of actual, reasonable and necessary expenses incurred by Grant Thornton during the Fee Period.
 - b. Compensation for OCB Tax Services: Compensation in the total amount of \$5,310.00, representing 100% of the total amount of reasonable compensation for actual, necessary OCB Tax Services that Grant Thornton has incurred during the Fee Period.

ITEMIZATION OF SERVICES RENDERED AND DISBURSEMENTS INCURRED

11. Attached hereto as **Exhibit A** is a chart of necessary and out-of-pocket expenses incurred by Grant Thornton in the amount of \$5,825.50 in connection with being provided professional services during the Fee Period and seeking compensation for such services in these bankruptcy cases. In connection with Grant Thornton's retention in these bankruptcy cases, at the Debtors' request, Grant Thornton utilized its own outside bankruptcy counsel to assist Grant Thornton with its retention and fee approval procedures. Pursuant to the Retention Order:

"Grant Thornton's reimbursable expenses may include the reasonable and necessary actual, documented out-of-pocket costs, fees, disbursements, and other charges of Grant Thornton's external legal counsel (without the need for such legal counsel to be retained as a professional in the chapter 11 cases); provided, that, if Grant Thornton seeks reimbursement from the Debtors for attorneys' fees and expenses pursuant to the Engagement Agreement, the invoices and supporting time records for the attorneys' fees and expenses shall be included in Grant Thornton's own applications, both interim and final, and these invoices and time records shall be subject to the approval of the [sic] Court pursuant to sections 330 and 331 of the Bankruptcy Code, but without regard to whether such attorneys have been retained under section 327 of the Bankruptcy Code, and without regard to whether such attorneys' services satisfy section 330(a)(3)(C) of the Bankruptcy Code."

Retention Order, ¶ 4. In accordance with the Retention Order, **Exhibit A** includes the invoices and supporting time records for Grant Thornton's outside legal counsel that constitute the reasonable and necessary actual, documented out-of-pocket costs, fees, disbursements, and other charges incurred by Grant Thornton in connection with utilizing such external legal counsel.

12. Attached as **Exhibit B** are invoices for the total amount of reasonable compensation for actual, necessary OCB Tax Services that Grant Thornton incurred covering the Fee Period. In light of Grant Thornton's retention in these bankruptcy cases by order entered April 28, 2021, out of an abundance of caution and for purposes of full disclosure, Grant Thornton is including this disclosure of outstanding amounts owed in the ordinary course of business for which payment has not yet been received relating to the OCB Tax Services.

NOTICE

13. The Debtors will provide notice of this Twenty-Second MFS in accordance with the Interim Compensation Order. Grant Thornton submits that no other or further notice be given.

WHEREFORE, Grant Thornton, in connection with services rendered on behalf of the Debtors, respectfully requests compensation in the aggregate amount of \$11,135.50, composed of:

(i) 100% of the actual, reasonable and necessary expenses for which Grant Thornton seeks reimbursement in the amount of \$5,825.50; plus (ii) 100% of the total amount of reasonable

compensation in the amount of \$5,310.00 for actual, necessary OCB Tax Services that Grant Thornton incurred through June 30, 2023.

August 14, 2023 New York, NY

GRANT THORNTON LLP

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EXHIBIT A

SUMMARY OF OUT-OF-POCKET EXPENSES AND SUPPORTING INVOICES

CATEGORY	<u>AMOUNT</u>
External Legal Counsel (See Attached Supporting Invoices)	\$5,825.50
TOTAL	\$5,825.50

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Grant Thornton, LLP
Attn: Chris Stathopoulos
171 N. Clark Street, Suite 200
Chicago, IL 60601

Invoice #57734

July 25, 2023

chris.stathopoulos@us.gt.com; Liz.Piechnik@us.gt.com

Due Upon Receipt

For Professional Services Rendered Through June 30, 2023

Matter: Purc	due Pha	rma - Legal Services			
<u>Date</u>	<u>Initials</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Amount</u>
06/01/2023	ASB	Prepared 20th Monthly Fee Statement.	2.80	\$375.00	\$1,050.00
06/02/2023	KKF	Reviewed new SOWs in response to S. Cho re: advice on supplemental employment requirements (0.2). Revised 6th Interim Fee Application and accompanying exhibits to finalize for filing (2.2).		\$670.00	\$1,608.00
06/04/2023	KKF	Exchanged emails with T. Nobis re: time entries.	0.30	\$670.00	\$201.00
06/05/2023	ASB	Finalized 20th Fee Application.	0.50	\$375.00	\$187.50
06/06/2023	ASB	Finalized 6th Interim Fee Statement for signature and filing.	0.50	\$375.00	\$187.50
	KKF	Finalized 20th MFS (0.3). Exchanged correspondence with A. Schwartz and K. Sommer re: filing and service of same (0.1). Exchanged correspondence with B. Angstadt and S. Cho re: new SOW and updated conflicts (0.2). Revised 6th Interim fee application (1.4). Drafted email to R. Werth re: review and signatures for same (0.1).	2.10	\$670.00	\$1,407.00
06/09/2023	KKF	Revised 6th Interim fee application per final signatures and confidentiality concerns raised by Debtors' counsel (0.3). Exchanged emails with K. Somer re: coordination of interim fee application filings and notices (0.1). Telephone conference with S. Cho, R. Werth and C. Stathopoulos re: new retention (0.3).	0.70	\$670.00	\$469.00
06/15/2023	ASB	Assembled invoices for 21st Monthly Fee Statement.	0.30	\$375.00	\$112.50
06/23/2023	KKF	Reviewed docket for objections to April fee applications and drafted email to C. McDonald re: status of same.	0.10	\$670.00	\$67.00
06/29/2023	KKF	Drafted emails to Grant Thornton division heads re: information for May monthly fee statement (0.1). Drafted email to S. Cho and R. Werth re: status of potential expanded employment and related conflict disclosures (0.1). Reviewed letter from fee examiner re: 6th interim fee application (0.2). Drafted email to B. Angstadt, R. Werth and G. Barenbaum re: analysis of fee letter and proposed action items to resolve (0.4).	0.80	\$670.00	\$536.00
	For pro	ofessional services rendered	10.5 hrs		\$5,825.50

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Grant Thornton LLP July 25, 2023 Invoice # 57734

SUBTOTA	L					\$5,825.50
	Total amount of					\$5,825.50 \$4,147.00
	Previous balance					
07/20/2023	Payment - Thank you, Check # 001104861					(\$4,147.00)
	Total Payments and Adjustments					
	Balance due upon receipt					
			Timekeeper Summary			
Name	I	Initials	Title	Hours	Rate	Amount
Kelly K. Frazier KKF		KKF	Of Counsel	6.40	\$670.00	\$4,288.00
Amy S. Bender AS		ASB	Paralegal	4.10	\$375.00	\$1,537.50

It is a pleasure working with you. We appreciate your business.

EXHIBIT B

INVOICES FOR OCB TAX SERVICES

The following is a summary of the invoices relating to OCB Tax Services for which Grant Thornton seeks reimbursement pursuant to the Twenty-Second MFS. Copies of the actual invoices also are attached.

GT Invoice No.	Amount	Invoice Date	Service Period	Type of OCB Tax Services
954182104	\$5,310.00	7/14/2023	May 2023 Compliance processed in June 2023; Review of April invoices filed with May returns due in June 2023	Sales and Use Tax Compliance Services
TOTAL	\$5,310.00			

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To: Purdue Pharma L.P.

201 Tresser Boulevard Stamford, CT 06901-3431

Date: July 14, 2023

Bill Number: 954182104 Client-Assignment Code: 0200102-00016

Sales & Use Tax Compliance & Invoice Review May 2023 Compliance processed in June 2023:

COMPLIANCE TOTAL: \$ 2,000.00

Review of April Invoices filed with May returns due in June 2023 (filed on a one-month lag), notices & consulting

INVOICE REVIEW & CONSULTING TOTAL: 3,310.00

Total Amount of Bill: \$ 5,310.00

Terms: As agreed upon

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